



Date: April 19, 2004
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF April 8, 2004
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Michelle Spence, Chairwoman
Richard L. Miller, Vice Chair
Mike Malbon
Holly Carpenter
Randy Crawford
Harry Hutton

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau
Doug Parsons, Superintendent, Marine Bureau

City Staff

Dennis Eschen, Manager, Planning & Devel.
Jeff Edwards, Supt., Marine Maint.
Mark Boone, Chief, Lifeguards, LBFD
Sue Prell, Sergeant, Marine Patrol

Commissioners Absent

Mike Reed
Bradley Whyte

Guests

Martin Arroyo
Amy Bently-Smith, Grunion Gazette
Robert Villegas, Admin. Analyst, 2nd Dist.
Joe Segura, Press Telegram
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA
Drew Satariano, Commissioner, P/R Commission
Carl Kirnbauer, LBMBOA
Bud Johnson, former MAC commissioner

Chairwoman Spence convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel, City staff and guests.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- The March 11, 2004, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Marina Rules Changes

Mark Sandoval asked that the MAC support both the following rule changes:

- General Liability Insurance Requirement for Permittees: Recommends that the City develop and implement a regulation requiring marina permittees to obtain and maintain a \$100,000 general liability insurance policy, naming the City as additional insured.
- Absence from Slip – Timeframe Limitation: Recommends that the Marina Policy be changed so that a permittee is able to vacate the slip for up to one year, and retain the right to the slip as long as slip fees are kept current. Also, to change the Marina Policy so that a permittee is able to sublease the slip for up to one year, and retain the right to the slip as long as slip fees are kept current.

Vice Chairman Miller stated that the Operations Committee recommended that the MAC accept both items.

Chairwoman Spence stated that most boatowners have insurance, and that adding the City as additional insured will not increase the cost of insurance.

It was moved by Vice Chairman Miller and seconded by Commissioner Crawford that the MAC accept the proposed changes to the Marina Rules and Regulations. The motion passed unanimously.

Doug Parsons explained that the Rules and Regulations Committee consists of ten people; three Marine Bureau supervisors, one Marine Bureau Superintendent (Doug Parsons), two MAC members, two LBMBOA members, and three boatowners from the boating community.

OLD BUSINESS

- MAC Annual Report

Mark Sandoval gave an overview of the final draft of the MAC Annual Report. The MAC asked that, per recommendation by Director Phil Hester, reference to the transient occupancy tax be expanded (page 11).

It was moved by Vice Chairman Miller and seconded by Commissioner Hutton that the MAC accept the MAC 2003 Annual Report, with the change to page 11 referencing the transient occupancy tax. The motion passed unanimously.

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Doug Parsons gave the report for the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Activity Report for ABM/LBSM, and the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina for the month of March.

- Doug Parsons reported that there are 27 slips available in both marinas, with another 18 slips to be released to the waiting list tomorrow. The Bureau is still filling some vacant slips from the waiting list, dependent on the width of the vessel.
- A presentation will be made to the LBSM boatowners regarding the rebuild. Meetings will also be held with individual boatowners affected by the slip transfers necessary for the rebuild.

Maintenance Operations Report

Jeff Edwards gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of March.

- Jeff Edwards remarked that the intent of the executive summary is to point out significant items specifically of interest to the MAC.
- Vice Chairman Miller asked if the beach measurement comparison chart could be in bar graph form. He said, and the Commission agreed, that the existing map showing the land blue and the water gray is confusing. He asked if the colors could be reversed.

Jeff Edwards agreed to move forward with changing the colors.

Marine Safety Report

Lifeguard Chief Mark Boone gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of March.

- Purchase of the new rescue boat has been approved by the City Council.
- Purchase of eight of the eleven Chevy vehicles has been approved by the City Council.
- The Lifeguard examination has been completed for this year.
- Long Beach Junior Lifeguards still have the lowest fees in Southern California. The fee also includes uniforms.

Marine Patrol Report

Marine Patrol Sergeant Sue Prell reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of March.

- Twelve individuals are vying for the position of LBPD Sergeant in charge of the Marine Patrol Division. The Chief of Police should select a new sergeant in six weeks.
- MPO Bill Money has been promoted to the position of Marine Patrol Sergeant.
- The list of revised ordinances will go before the City Council on April 20.
- Marine Patrol has received two Ford Explorers to add to their fleet.
- Marine Patrol is now in the process of gearing up for Grand Prix next month.

Executive MAC

- Covered in meeting.

Operations Committee

- Covered in meeting

Facilities Committee

Commissioner Hutton reported on the Facilities Committee issues:

- The obelisk cannot be approved as part of the Belmont Pier's water art design. Dennis Eschen stated legal issues as the reason. State Coastal permits are not issued for in-the-water displays of art.
- A presentation on the Tower of Tuscan will be held at the Shoreline Yacht Club at the end of this month.

Finance and Information Committee

- Chairwoman Spence explained that 42 per cent of this year is complete with nothing outstanding to report. She stated that the attrition process, caused by the remodel, is affecting slip revenues in the Marina Fund.
- Chairwoman Spence commented that the MAC should revisit the annual inspection fee and the annual fee for Seawall Moorings to see if there is any way to improve on the system.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Vice Chairman Miller remarked that Congressional Cup is on track and will begin on April 20. He invited the MAC to attend the event along with city department heads, city and state officials, and the press.
- He asked Joe Segura of the Press Telegram to pass along his thanks for the nice press on the women's swimming.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting is set for May 13, 2004, at 2:30 p.m.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk